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### ***CITY MANAGER AMONG LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATES***

**GREENSBORO, NC (October 17, 2005)** – The School of Government at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill celebrated the graduation of the inaugural class of its Public Executive Leadership Academy on October 6, 2005. One of the 25 graduates of the new program was City Manager Mitch Johnson.

The Leadership Academy is an annual professional development opportunity for city and county managers, assistant managers, and key department heads from across North Carolina. The 2005 program began in March and offered 13 days of training over eight months.

The daylong sessions enabled participants to hone their management skills and gain new capacities for personal, organizational, and community leadership and problem-solving. Topics included leadership style and behavior assessment, dynamics of economic and demographic change, board-manager relationships, conflict management and consensus building, media relations, resident participation, time and stress management, risk taking, and creativity.

The Public Executive Leadership Academy is co-sponsored by the North Carolina City and County Management Association. Graduates receive professional credentialing credit from the International City/County Management Association. Registration for the next Academy will begin in early 2006. Details will be available in December at [www.sog.unc.edu](http://www.sog.unc.edu).

UNC's School of Government is the largest university-based local government training, advising, and research organization in the nation, offering more than 200 classes, seminars, schools, and specialized conferences for up to 14,000 public officials each year. The School's highly ranked two-year Master of Public Administration degree program serves up to 60 students annually.

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employer in Greensboro, the City has a dedicated professional staff of 2700 employees who maintain four core values of honesty, integrity, stewardship, and respect. The City is governed by a council-manager form of government with a mayor and eight council members. For more information on the City of Greensboro, please visit us online at [www.greensboro-nc.gov](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov).

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